

CUDWORTH
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH
AND THE
SANITARY INSPECTOR



FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1952.

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CUDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1952.

To the Chairman and Members of the CUDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

The Birth rate which at a corrected figure of 18.2 was considerably above the England and Wales figure of 15.5 for 1951, shows an even larger rate this year at a corrected figure of 22.0. When the Nation wide trend for the Birth rate is a downward one, this is a very interesting fact.

For the first time this report contains the crude and corrected Birth and Death Rates. The corrected rate is, as you are aware, obtained by applying the comparability factor to the crude rate. This factor obtained from the Registrar General is based on the age and sex composition of the population, Cudworth having a large percentage of younger people, the crude Death Rate (9.1) on correction became 11.2. which compares favourably with the Nation wide figure, and even more favourably with the figure for the Aggregate of the West Riding Urban Districts (12.1.).

There were no serious outbreaks of Infectious Diseases during the year.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	..	..	..	..	..	1,746
Estimated population 1952	..	..	..	..	..	8,745
No. of inhabited Houses	..	..	..	..	..	2,514
Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	..	£31,351
Product of a penny rate	..	..	..	..	..	£117

WATER SUPPLY

The Council's water supply is obtained from the Barnsley County Borough Reservoirs at Ingbirchworth and Midhope, near Penistone. A sufficient supply to the reservoir has been maintained, and it was not necessary to issue economy warnings during the year.

Consumption for the year 65,686,000 gallons.

Consumption per day 179,470 gallons.

Consumption per day per head 20.52 gallons

No restriction on consumption was imposed during the year.

The analysis for lead content in the water gave a very satisfactory result indeed.

PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1952.

(Based on the Registrar General's figures).

	Cudworth Urban District		Aggregate West Riding Urban Districts	West Riding Admins. County.	England and Wales (Provisional Figures).
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 estimated population)	Crude 21.0	Correct 22.0	15.4	15.4	15.3
DEATH RATE (per 1,000 estimated population) All causes.	9.1	11.2	12.1	11.5	11.3
Infective & Parasitic Diseases exc. Tbc. but inc. syphilis & other V.D.	0.11		0.07	0.07	X
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0		0.17	0.16	0.24
Tuberculosis, other forms	0		0.03	0.03	
Cancer	1.61		2.02	1.92	X
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	1.34		1.88	1.74	X
Heart & Circulatory	3.10		4.66	4.35	X
Respiratory Diseases	0.69		1.21	1.15	X
MATERNAL MORTALITY (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	0		0.88	0.80	0.72
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births)	16.39		30.1	30.0	27.6
STILL BIRTHS (Rate per 1,000 total Births)	21.86		25.0	24.5	22.6

X Figures not available.

DEATHS

The following table shows the causes of Death and is amended for inward and outward transfers.

	Under 1.		1-14		15-44		45-64		65-69		70-Over		Total
	m.	f.	m.	f.	m.	f.	m.	f.	m.	f.	m.	f.	
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Syphilitic Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
" Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
" Breast	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	4
" Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	1	7
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia, Pernicious Anaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	5	1	10
Coronary Disease, Angina	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	1	-	8
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	3
Other Heart Diseases	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	3	-	1	4	4	16
Other Circulatory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	3
Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Gastritis Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Pregnancy, childbirth & abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Other defined & Ill defined diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	1	5
Prematurity	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Senility	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
All other accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Homicide & operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
	1	2	-	2	2	3	17	6	2	9	21	15	80

BIRTHS

During 1952, 98 Male and 85 Female births were registered, making a total of 183 births. In 1951 a total of 164 births were registered. There were 2 illegitimate births during the year, as compared with the figure of 7 for 1951. As in 1951 56% Mothers were confined in Hospital.

STILL BIRTHS

2 Male and 2 Female Still Births were notified. This compares with 9 Still Births in 1951.

PREMATURE BIRTHS

There were 18 Premature Births notified during the year, of this total 3 died. 3 Premature babies were born at home and 15 in Hospital. 6 Births were associated with Twin Pregnancy. In the remaining cases no obvious cause was found.

INFANTILE MORTALITY (Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births)

During 1952 a total of 3 deaths of infants under 1 year occurred consisting of 1 male and 2 females. The infant mortality rate was 16.39 per 1,000 live births. In 1951, 5 deaths under 1 year occurred, a rate of 29.8 per 1,000 live births.

The causes of death were as follows:-

Prematurity 3.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable diseases other than Tuberculosis during 1952.

Scarlet Fever

16 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during 1952, and they were as last year all admitted to Hospital. This is somewhat unusual nowadays as the tendency is where the Home Conditions are suitable, to treat cases of Scarlet Fever at home, owing to considerable decrease in severity of the disease. 19 cases were notified in 1951.

Measles

There were 187 cases of Measles compared with 212 in 1951, none were admitted to Hospital.

Whooping Cough

40 cases of Whooping Cough were reported and 9 were treated in Hospital. In 1951 there were 40 cases. Unfortunately Whooping Cough was again responsible for 1 death, a girl of 18 months. This points to the importance of postponing the age at which this and similar children's infections are contracted.

Pneumonia

During the year 10 cases were notified, 5 of which received treatment in hospital. There were 15 cases in 1951.

Erysipelas

There were 2 cases of this disease during the year and 6 cases last year. Both were admitted to Hospital.

Para typhoid Fever

There were no cases of Para typhoid Fever in 1952, and only 1 case was notified in 1951.

Poliomyelitis

There was one case of Poliomyelitis in 1952 compared with 2 in 1951, and the patient was treated in hospital.

Dysentery

There was one case of dysentery in 1952 compared with nil in 1951.

Meningococcal Infection

There was only one case of Meningococcal Infection and the patient was treated in hospital. There was only 1 case in 1951.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Notifiable disease other than Tuberculosis.	Number notified	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	16	16	-
Measles	187	-	-
Whooping Cough	40	9	1
Pneumonia	10	5	-
Erysipelas	2	2	-
Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Meningococcal Infections	1	1	-
Dysentery	1	1	-

The following Table gives the age distribution of cases of
Infectious Diseases notified during the year.

Notifiable Disease	Under 1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over
Scarlet Fever	-	4	11	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	24	9	-	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	13	92	80	2	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	4	1	1	-	1	3
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

Staff:- Mrs. Cartledge - Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

1. Cases on Register at 1st January 1952:-

Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Total
Males	Females	Males	Females	
17	22	5	-	44.

2. No. of new notifications received during the year:-

Pulmonary	6)	Total	6.
Non-pulmonary	-)		

There were 9 new cases notified in 1951 - satisfactory decrease.

3. No. of cases removed from the Register during 1952:-

	Cured	Died	Left District	Totals.
Pulmonary	1	-	3	4
Non-pulmonary	2	-	1	3

It is worthy of note that there were no deaths from Tuberculosis: as compared with 7 deaths in 1951.

4. No. of cases admitted to Sanatorium during 1952:- 9

5. No. of cases on register at 31st December, 1952:-

Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Total
Males	Females	Males	Females	
17	24	2	-	43.

6. Distribution of Notifications:

	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65 & over
Females	1	1	2	2	-	-	-
Totals	1	1	2	2	-	-	-

7. Occupations of notified cases:-

Scholar	1 case
Infant	1 case
Shop Assistant	1 case
Housewife	3 cases

8. Tuberculosis Care & After-care Scheme.

Provision of extra nourishment.

8 Patients received 2 pints of milk daily under the County Council's Care and After-care Scheme.

Loan of Equipment

No further patients were loaned bedding and equipment, but one continued to have bedding and equipment on loan under the County Council Scheme.

Statistics relating to Diphtheria Immunisation, Vaccination and Whooping Cough Immunisation
for the year ended 31st December, 1952.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

No. of children Immunised in 1952			Booster	No. of children immunised at any time up to 31.12.52			ESTIMATED MID-YEAR POPULATION IN 1952			PERCENTAGE RATE	
Under 5 yrs.	5-14	Total	Doses in 1952	Under 5 yrs.	5-14	Total	Under 5 yrs.	5-14	Total	Under 5 yrs.	5-14
150	4	154	130	533	1,111	1,644	830	1,568	2,398	64.2	70.9

VACCINATION

	Under 1 1952	1-4 Years 1948-51	5-14 Years 1938-47	15 Years and over	Total
PRIMARY	9	2	-	-	11
RE-VACCINATION	-	-	-	2	2

WHOOPING COUGH VACCINATION
(commenced 1.4.52)

Age at 31.12.52. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1952	1 1951	2 1950	3 1949	4 1948	Total
Number Immunised	20	36	25	27	6	114

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.

Staff: Domiciliary Midwives - Nurses Iveson and Hughes.
Health Visitors - Miss D. Westerman
Miss J. Waugh - commenced 1.7.52.

No. of Domiciliary confinements attended by Midwives during 1952: 81.

Child Welfare Centres:

St. Georges Hall, Cudworth. Dr. M. Scott.	Wednesday 10-12a.m. 2-4 p.m.	No. of children who attended during year.	Total attendances Under Over 1 yr. 1 yr.
		489	3,921 2,912.

No. of Infant Welfare sessions each week - 2.

An official from the Food Office attends the Cudworth Child Welfare Centre for the distribution of Orange Juice and Cod Liver Oil etc. As you are aware, Orange Juice and Cod Liver Oil are available through the Food Office sources for all expectant mothers and children until they attain 5 years. The Cod Liver Oil is a free issue but a nominal charge is made for the Orange Juice.

Ante Natal Clinics.

St. Georges Hall, Cudworth. Dr. M. Scott.	Friday 10-12 a.m.	No. of women who attended during the year.	Total No. of attendances made by women during the year.
		181	916

Post Natal attendances during the year - 51.

HOME NURSING.

Staff:
Nurse A.P. Tibbitts commenced 1.10.52.

The total number of new cases undertaken in 1952 - 118

The total number of visits made to patients during the year was 2,440.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The area is served by the Public Health Laboratory, County Medical Offices, Wood Street, Wakefield.

HOSPITAL - Isolation.

Patients were admitted to Kendray Isolation Hospital.

HOSPITALS - General.

The Beckett Hospital and St. Helen's Hospital, Barnsley, The Jessop Hospital, the Royal Hospital and Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and the County General, Wakefield, supply the needs of the area.

MATERNITY HOME ACCOMMODATION.

The majority of patients are admitted to the Maternity Wing of St. Helen's Hospital. A small number are confined in Pinder Oaks Maternity Home, Barnsley.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

The number of cases undertaken by Home Helps during the year was as follows:-

	B/Fwd.	New Applic- ations.	Term- inated	At 31.12.52.	No. of Hours	Percentage of Total Hours.
Maternity	-	11	10	1	888	12.8
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic Sick (Including aged & infirm)	10	12	4	18	5,904	85.4
Others	-	2	-	2	122	1.8
	10	25	14	21	6,914	

This service continues to be in great demand. It is however, an extremely difficult service to administer, as being a very costly one it is of necessity limited and the facilities available have to be shared among the cases on their relative merits. As in the past, it will be noted that the aged made the greatest demand. This is one of the most difficult features from an administrative point of view as most aged cases are long term ones and some of these cases have been on the books since the inception of the service in 1948.

It is interesting to note that the aged absorbed 85% of the service available this year as compared with 71% in the previous year.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Staff:- Miss D. Westerman: Health Visitor & School Nurse.

Miss J. A. Waugh: Health Visitor & School Nurse - Commenced 1.7.52.

Routine School Medical Inspections were carried out by Dr. S.G.A. Henriques at the undermentioned schools.

Cudworth Modern Boys' School.

Cudworth Modern Girls' School.

Cudworth St. Mary's R.C. School.

Cudworth Snydale Road, Infants.

Summary of Defects found at the inspections at the above schools.

Schools Visited	No. Seen	Defects found							No. passed for treatment
		Ocular	ENT.	Heart	Lungs	Orthopaedic	Oth-ers	Tot-al	
Cudworth Mod. Boys'	73	30	4	-	2	1	6	43	31
Cudworth Mod. Girls'	49	22	2	-	-	3	2	29	23
" St. Mary's R.C.	35	11	2	1	2	-	5	21	13
" Snydale Rd. Inf.	208	13	33	7	3	3	21	80	16
	365	76	41	8	7	7	34	173	83

CLINICS

School Clinics

St. George's Hall, Cudworth.	Each Tuesday of	No. of individual	Total No. of
Dr. J. R. Murdock	the school year	attendances	attendances
Dr. S.G.A. Henriques	10.30.am	126	245

Specialist Clinics

1. Ophthalmic Clinic - (Mr. N.L. McNeil, M.B., D.O.M.S., Ophthalmologist
(1 clinic from 7.4.52).
per week)

No. of children examined in 1952:-	181
No. of children seen for the first time:-	89
No. for whom glasses were ordered:-	94

2. Orthopaedic Clinic: Mr. T.L. Lawson, F.R.C.S. Orthopaedic Surgeon.
(2 clinics per month)

No. of children examined:-	34
Total attendances:-	62
No. of appliances ordered:-	11
No. of appliances obtained:-	8

3. Ear, Nose & Throat Clinics - Mr. W.L. Rowe, F.R.C.S., E.N.T. Surgeon
(1 clinic per month)

No. of children examined:-	13
Total attendances:-	21
No. of children referred for removal of tonsils & adenoids:-	5
No. of children who received operative treatment:-	2

4. Paediatric Clinics - (Dr. C.C. Harvey, M.D., M.R.C.P., Paediatrician
(1 clinic per month)

No. of children examined:-	24.
Total attendances:-	26.

Special Clinics

1. Child Guidance Clinic - (Dr. M.M. MacTaggart, M.A., B.Ed.PH.D.,
Educational Psychologist.)

No. of children examined:-	8.
Total attendances:-	23.

2. Speech Therapy Clinic - Miss C.M. Seeley, L.C.S.T. Speech Therapist
(1 clinic until August, 1952.
per week) - Miss P.J. Fisher, L.C.S.T. Speech Therapist
from 22.9.52.

No. of children seen:-	12.
Total attendances:-	144.

3. Sunray Clinics (Two sessions per week)

No. of children attending:-	6.
Total attendances:-	85.

4. Minor ailments Clinic -

No. of sessions held:-	86.
No. of children found to have defects:-	296.
No. of children treated:-	358.

Return of Milk and Meals supplied on a typical day in 1952,
from figures supplied by the Divisional Education Officer.

School	No. on Roll.	Numbers attending on selected day.	Milk		Dinners	
			1/3 pint	2/3 pint	Free	Paid
Cudworth Modern Boys'	299	252	144	-	29	116
Cudworth Modern Girls'	244	175	168	-	21	64
Cudworth Pontefract Rd. J.M.	257	241	216	-	20	91
Cudworth Pontefract Rd. I.	140	133	116	14	11	42
Cudworth Snrydale Rd. J.M.	260	239	234	3	24	120
Cudworth Snrydale Rd. I.	252	245	238	7	17	100
Cudworth St. Mary's R. C.	243	219	214	2	46	114
TOTALS	1695	1504	1330	26	168	647

I again have to draw attention to the fact that not all pupils are availing themselves of the free issue of milk. This is especially the case with the older boys, only some 56% of whom are apparently taking their milk issue, the figure last year was 70%. This is to be regretted, as milk being a balanced food, forms a valuable addition to the diet, especially when protein is so severely rationed.

Food and Drugs Act 1938

All Inspectors of Weights and Measures of the West Riding County Council are appointed Sampling Officers for the purpose of the above Act. The Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures has kindly given the following particulars of samples taken in the Cudworth Urban District for analysis in the past 4 years:-

		1949	1950	1951	1952
Milk	Genuine	19	10	11	7
	Adulterated	-	1	3	-
Other Foods	Genuine	10	-	-	10
	Adulterated	-	-	-	-
Drugs	Genuine	-	-	-	1
	Adulterated	-	-	-	-

C O N C L U S I O N

To conclude this report I record the co-operation I have received from the Officials of the Council and the loyalty and enthusiasm of the Divisional Staff.

As I am about to take up a new appointment, this will be the last report I shall have the privilege of presenting to you. I appreciate the courtesy and consideration which has been shown to me whilst I have been an Officer of your Authority.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. R. MURDOCK.

Medical Officer of Health.

CUDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Year 1952

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To Dr. J.R. Murdock, B.A., M.D., D.P.H., D.C.H., Divisional Medical Officer of Health, and to the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS OF THE CUDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

The following particulars show the matters dealt with during 1952:

Total number of inspections made for nuisances only	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	424
Nuisances in hand at end of 1951	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Nuisances found in 1952	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123
Total nuisances needing abatement	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	147
Nuisances abated during 1952	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	136
Nuisances outstanding end of 1952	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Notices served, informal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123
Notices served, statutory	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Informal notices complied with	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	108
Statutory notices complied with	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Legal Proceedings	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil

TENTS, VANS, ETC. (Movable Dwellings)

During the year there was only one of this type of dwelling in the Council's area.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

There were no extensions to the sewerage system during the year. Weetshaw Lane and Storrs Mill area still require sewerage, and there are some 57 dwelling-houses in these areas which are not coupled to the public sewerage system.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

No. of privies with covered middens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
No. of pail closets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
No. of water closets flushed by town's water	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,696
No. of closets reconstructed during 1952 as water closets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
No. of water closets constructed in 1952 for new houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Total number of closets in district	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,720
Percentage of closets on water carriage system	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99.4%

SCAVENGING

Responsibility for the supervision of refuse collection and disposal was transferred on the instruction of the Council during 1952, from the Sanitary Inspector to the Surveyor.

The Council removes the whole of the refuse produced in it's area to a provided refuse disposal tip which is on the "controlled" principle. The total cost of collection and disposal during 1952 was £3638.

WATER SUPPLY

All dwelling-houses are provided with a supply of water inside the house from the town's water mains. There are 2,490 dwellings in the Council's area.

MILK SUPPLY

16 milk samples were submitted to the public analyst during 1952. All were certified by him to be genuine milk.

There are 11 milk retailers registered to sell milk in the Council's district.

There are 3 holders of supplementary licences to retail pasteurised milk.

There are 2 holders of supplementary licences to retail sterilised milk.

There are 2 holders of supplementary licences to retail tuberculin tested milk.

ICE CREAM

No ice cream is manufactured in the Council's area. Nearly all sales are pre-packed and there are 20 premises registered for the storage of ice cream intended for sale.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Slaughtering of animals for sale continued to be prohibited by statute during 1952. There are 4 annually licensed slaughterhouses in the area.

The total weight of foodstuffs certified to be unsound during 1952 was 175 lbs.

OTHER FOODS

There are 8 bakehouses in the area and 14 visits were made to them during 1952.

There were 34 visits made to grocers and general food shops.

There are 11 fried fish shops to which 16 visits were made during 1952.

SWIMMING BATHS

The swimming bath in the Miners' Welfare Park continued to be closed during the whole of the year in the interests of public health.

BYE-LAWS IN FORCE

Mortuary dated 1.10.34.

Improvement Area dated 28.11.34.

Nuisances and keeping of animals 7.11.34.

New Streets and Buildings 30.12.39.

Miners Welfare Park 1925.

MORTUARY ACCOMMODATION

There is mortuary accommodation at the Council's General Works Dept. for the reception of bodies and the execution of post mortem examinations.

HOUSING MATTERS (Overcrowding)

Six families living in overcrowded conditions and involving 30 persons found or were provided with better accommodation standards during the year.

So far as can be reasonably ascertained there were 3 overcrowded families at the end of 1952.

During 1952 the local authority provided 38 new permanent houses and private persons erected 4 new permanent houses.

RODENT CONTROL 1952.

The annual report to the Ministry of Agriculture shows the following information:

No. of properties inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
No. of infestations by rats	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
No. of mice infestations dealt with	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
No. of premises treated by the Council	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8

SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE BY THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

YEAR 1952.

Under the Public Health Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	424
Milk retailing premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Destruction of Pests Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Fish friers premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
General food shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Visits to houses re infectious diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Fumigation after infectious disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Drainage systems dealt with	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Visits on behalf of the Housing Committee	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	996
Milk samples collected and submitted for examination	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Water samples collected and submitted for examination	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Visits on behalf of the Medical Officer of Health	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Butcher shops visited	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Factory Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Keeping of animals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

Yours faithfully,

MAURICE BENNETT,

Sanitary Inspector.

